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Letter dated 24 October 1962 from the representative of the Dominican Republic addressed to the Secretary-General

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I have the honour to request you to circulate the appended statement of the Council of State of the Dominican Republic as an official United Nations document.

STATEMENT

In pursuance of a resolution adopted by the Council of State, it is my duty to inform the Dominican people of the concern felt by the Government at the offensive measures which the Government of Cuba has been taking by permitting the installation of nuclear missile bases in Cuban territory. This conduct, imposed by the Soviet Union, constitutes a grave threat to the security of all the nations of America, and at the same

time offers proof of flagrant violations of the agreements permanently embodied in the inter-American juridical system.

In consequence, the Council of State, conscious of the danger which this represents to the security and peace of the continent and faithful to the principles of democracy and continental solidarity which it has maintained unwaveringly since its establishment, has resolved to participate unreservedly in any measure which may be deemed desirable either by the Organization of American States or by the United Nations with a view to removing the threat at present hanging over the free peoples of the world. Similarly, the Dominican Government appeals to the brother peoples of the continent to preserve, at this crucial moment, the spirit of solidarity which is essential if our civilization is to survive, forgetting any difference which may in the slightest degree separate them. Lastly, the Dominican Government calls upon the people to give their firm support to this attitude, and to place at the service of this cause the patriotism demanded by the present highly serious and difficult circumstances.

*Signed: Guarco VELÁSQUEZ
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to the United Nations*